

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 12 replace the paragraph with the following:

Published Japanese Patent Application No. ~~JP 9-69654-A~~ JP 9-169654-A discloses a method for preparing partly deacetylated chitin fibres for wound care. The preferred chitin material has a deacetylation degree of max. 90%, preferably 40-60 %. The material is not used as an absorbent, but as a haemostatic agent for stopping bleeding wounds.

On page 3, insert after line 9:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 A photograph comparing chitosan fibers of the present invention to powdered chitosan treated using a similar method.